

REMARKS

This is in response to the first Office Action of September 11, 2006. By this Amendment, claims 1, 16, 17, and 18 are amended. Claim 22 was cancelled in the Preliminary Amendment dated October 7, 2005. No additional claims have been cancelled. Thus, claims 1-21 are in the application for further examination. Claims 1, 18, and 21 are in independent form. Claim 21 has been allowed.

The specification is also amended to include the "I claim" language as requested by the Examiner.

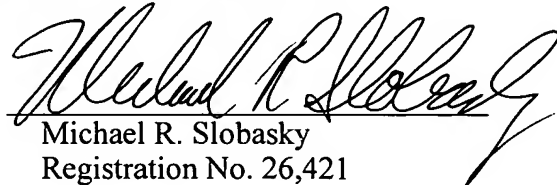
Claims 1 and 18 are amended to respond to the Examiner's objection that the claims are incomplete. The claims are amended to recite that the comparison step (claim 1) and comparison means (claim 18) is to determine whether the packaged product meets the recorded analytical specification so as to identify, authenticate, or achieve quality control over, the packaged product.

Claims 16 and 17 are amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion in the last Office Action.

Thus, this application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorneys.

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